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In re application of:

ADAMS *et al.*

Appl. No. 08/549,318

Filed: October 27, 1995

For: **Boronic Ester and Acid Compounds, Synthesis and Uses**



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Response To Election of Species Requirement

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 1997, requesting an election of a single disclosed compound species with respect to claims 1-89 to begin prosecution in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species:

N-(2-pyrazine)carbonyl-L-phenylalanine-L-leucine boronic acid (compound MG-341, fourth row of Table 2 at page 85 of the specification).

Currently, claims 1-19, 21-24, 51-57, 63, 64 and 67-78 read upon the elected compound. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of other claims or inventions disclosed.

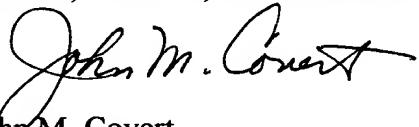
This election is made **with** traverse. This requirement is traversed to the extent that examination may not be conducted pursuant to the guidelines set forth at MPEP § 803.02. Applicants reserve their right to traverse if the procedure outlined in this section of the MPEP is disregarded.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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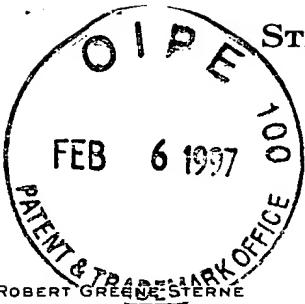
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Sir:

Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Transmittal Letter (*duplicate*);
2. Response to Election of Species Requirement; and
3. Return post card.

It is respectfully requested that the attached post card be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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